United States Now at War With Austria Hungary, Following Epoch-Making Action Yesterday



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STORM SWEPT

HALIFAX FACES

FOOD FAMINE

# U. S. DESTROYER SUNK BY GERMAN U-BOAT; 60 OF CREW ARE MISSING

# ONLY 37 OF ALL ABOARD ARE SAVED

Jacob Jones, While on Patrol Duty December 6, Encounters Enemy Submarine in War Zone; Commanded by Lieut. Commander David Worth Bagley, Brother of Mrs. Daniels, Wife of the Secretary of the Navy

Washington, Dec. 8. - Torpedoed in a night at tack, the American destroyer Jacob Jones, one of the newest and largest submarine hunters of her class, was sunk Thursday night in the war zone and two-thirds of her crew lost. The disaster brings to the American people the first naval loss of great consequence since the country entered the war.

# 37 Removed in Life Rafts

Thirty-seven of her officers and crew were taken off in life rafts. The remainder are not accounted for in to-day's dispatch from Vice-Admiral Sims, who forwarded the names of ten of the survivors.

Lieutenant Commander David Worth Bagley, brother of Mrs. losephus Daniels, wife of the Secretary of the Navy, and whose brother was the first American officer to give his life in the Spanish American War, does not appear in the list of survivors. Inasmuch as Admiral Sims mentioned other officers among

the survivors and did not name Bagley, it is feared he went down with his ship.

Complement of 97 Men The complement of the Jones in peace times was five officers, five petty officers and eighty-seven en-listed men. Undoubtedly this has been increased to a hundred or more. From the first report it would appear that the loss of life would be upward of 19. The Orama bad here rorverded into an auxiliary cruiser, on October 19. The Orama bad here rorverded into an auxiliary cruiser, on October 19. The Orama bad here rorverded into an auxiliary cruiser, on October 19. The Orama bad here rorverded into an auxiliary cruiser, on October 19. The Orama bad here rorverded into an auxiliary cruiser, on October 19. The Orama bad here rorverded into an auxiliary cruiser, on October 19. The Orama bad here rorverded into an auxiliary cruiser, on October 19. The Orama bad here rorverded into an auxiliary cruiser, on October into an auxiliary cruiser, on October 19. The Orama bad here rorverded into an auxiliary cruiser, on October into an auxiliar

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a slight possibility that the snow might turn to rain if the tempera-ture rises. In order to keep the streets free for the heavy Saturday night traffic the City Highway Department has its full force of men working to clear the streets of the snow. The Harris-burg Railways Company has put the sweepers into operation to keep the car tracks free for service. **Christmas Trees Here** Christmas trees made their first appearance in the city this morning. A wagonload of pine and spruce trees was brough to market by John Ott, of Grantville. More than thirty trees made up the first lot. A number of green holly stocks with the big red berries was also included in the holiday greens. Because so many people thought that the trees would wither before Christmas and were not anxious to buy. Mr. Ott stored the trees and he will sell them next week. The price asked for the trees was fifty cents apiece. Because so many people were un-able to clean the pavements, a num-ber of persons slipped on the snow and fell. Vehicular traffic also was held up by slippery pavements. No serious accidents were reported to the hospital authorities. **Railways Tied Up** The main lines of the Pennsyl-vania Railroad is within the storm area, and trains were not running with any regularity to-day. The worst trouble, according to reports, is on the Pitusburgh division, where there was a heavy snow yesterday. The Middle and Philadelphia divi-ions were kent onen with the di of is on the Pittsburgh division, where there was a heavy snow yesterday. The Middle and Philadelphia divi-sions were kept open with the aid of construction and track gangs. They were called out early and will be on duty all day, and to-night if neces-sary. No trouble has been reported on switch troubles. Special forces

STREET FORCES ARE BUSY Blinding Gale Holds City of Desolation in Its Grasp; Delay Faces Relief Trains Being Rushed to Scene; Railway Schedules Are Held 20,000 People in Wrecked Part of Halifax With In-

sufficient Food and Clothing

TELEGRAPH

FIRST STORM OF

WINTER HOLDS UP

Snow to Continue All Night

With Cold Weather in Wake

Up; Pavements Are Dangerous

The first real snowstorm of the winter is now at its height. Har-risburgers awoke this morning to see the first flakes begin to fall and in a short time the ground was covered. According to Weather Forecaster Demain the storm will most likely continue throughout the night. The temperature will probably rise slight-ly to-morrow and then suddenly drop. Mr. Demain said that indica-tions are that to-morrow will be the coldest of the season. There is a slight possibility that the snow might turn to rain if the tempera-ture rises.

**TRAFFIC IN CITY** 

Halifax, Dec. 8-A blinding snowstorm, accompanying a gale that at times attained a velocity of more than forty miles an hour, has held this city of desolation in its grasp for the past twenty-four hours, adding new terrors to the awe-stricken survivors of Thursday's disaster and greatly impeding the progress of relief trains hurrying here from the United States and Dominion cities with their urgently needed supplies.

# Relief Train Delayed

The Massachusetts relief train, which was due to arrive early to-day, was stalled in great snowdrifts near Amherst late last night and while snow plows were pressed into service to clear the tracks, the progress was so slow that the time of the train's arrival here is problematical. Other rescue trains also are reported snowbound.

With every building in Halifax and Dartmouth more or less damaged by the explosion and fire, men, women and children huddled together as best they could and passed a night of suffering. The chilling wind whistled through smashed windows: there were scarcely blankets enough to cover wounded bodies and many were unable to obtain food. Fires were almost out of the question and the only lights obtainable were from oil lamps or candles.

All Rally to Task Out of the chaotic conditions, wich and poor have rallied gallantly to their duty of caring for the in-jured and homeless and accounting for the dead. The Citizens! Finance Committee estimates there

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